

REMARKS

This paper is filed concurrently with the application papers requesting filing and immediate examination of a United States national application based on international application no. PCT/US2004/042045, filed December 15, 2004, claiming priority to US provisional application 60/529,822 filed December 16, 2003. Please enter the foregoing amendments prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination on the merits.

The first paragraph of the specification has been amended herein to provide updated information regarding cross-reference to related applications, as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78.

Claims 1 and 16, as well as page 3, line 16, and page 9, line 9, have been amended to delete "3-Hpr, 4-Hpr" from the list of constituents recited for amino acid position 37 (A³⁷). No new matter is added.

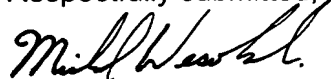
Claim 16 and page 9, line 27, of the specification have been amended to correct an obvious typographical error. Claim 16 and page 9 now correctly recite that "Z¹ and Z² can join together to form a ring system..." No new matter is presented.

Lastly, Claim 16 and page 9, lines 12-15, have been amended to correct a typographical error in a formula presented in the list of constituents recited for amino acid positions 38 and 39 (A³⁸ and A³⁹). The listing for both amino acid positions contained formula HN-(CH₂)_s-C(O); however, "s" was not defined. Applicant has amended the formula to correctly recite "HN-(CH₂)_m-C(O)", wherein "m" is defined as "m is, independently for each occurrence, an integer from 5 to 24" (see, e.g., page 9, line 29). Applicant submits that the support for the amendment is apparent, however specific support for the amendment can be found in Applicant's priority document, US provisional application no 60/529,822, which correctly included "HN-(CH₂)_m-C(O)" in the listing of constituents for amino acid positions A³⁸ and A³⁹. No new matter is added.

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Entry of the foregoing amendments and examination of the claims as amended are requested.

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